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TAGS: CASC (REUTER, JAMES) AND (FARLEY, ELIZABETH)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DEPORTATION OF FATHER REUTER AND SISTER
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1. DURING CALL DEC 7 BY EMBOFF, JESUIT PROVINCIAL SECRETARY FATHER KENNETH BOGART EXPRESSED FEAR THAT GOP IS PREPARING TO DEPORT FATHER JAMES REUTER, EDITOR OF BANNED CATHOLIC PUBLICATION "THE COMMUNICATOR." ONLY OTHER AMERICAN WHO IS CURRENTLY THREATENED IS SISTER ELIZABETH FARLEY WHO WORKED ON BOTH " THE COMMUNICATOR" AND "SIGNS OF THE TIMES." JESUIT REPRESENTATIVE IS MEETING WITH MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT CAMP CRAME TODAY AND BOGART HOPES THAT SITUATION WILL BE CLARIFIED SHORTLY. (ACCORDING MANILA DAILIES OF DEC 7, GOVERNMENT IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST THOSE CONNECTED WITH BANNED PUBLICATIONS.) ACCORDING BOGART, FATHER REUTER HAS BEEN ILL (NOT OUT OF TOWN AS REPORTED REFTEL) AND IS CURRENTLY INCOMMUNICADO IN SINGIAN HOSPITAL, MANILA.

2. BOGART EXPRESSED AWARENESS THAT GOP MAY AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION HESITATE TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST FATHER REUTER WHO IS POPULAR, WELL-CONNECTED JESUIT. HE PROMISED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY.
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